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PEDRO J. CUEVAS

For:

Hybrid Combined Power Cycle

Docket No.

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Generation Facility

TRANSMITTAL SHEET

Mail Stop Issue Fee Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing are the following documents:

- Supplemental Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance;
- Postcard, which we would appreciate your date stamping and returning to us upon receipt; and
- Transmittal in duplicate.

I hereby authorize the Assistant Commissioner to charge any additional fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Bracewell & Patterson, L.L.P.'s Deposit Account No. 50-0259 (Atty Docket 046614.008017.03).

Date: July 25, 2003

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SUPPLEMENTAL COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Supplemental Notice of Allowability dated July 2, 2003, Applicant appreciates the Examiner's thorough review and allowance of Claims 1-3 and 5-10 directed to Applicant's invention. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge or credit any additional fees to Deposit Account 50-0259 (Order No. 046614.008017.003).

Applicant again appreciates the thorough examination of Applicant's claimed invention, and Applicant appreciates the Examiner's determination that the prior art of record, taken alone or in combination, fails to teach the construction of a system for producing alternating electric energy according to Applicant's Claims 1-3 and 5-10 and that U.S. Patent No. 5,442,908 (Briesch) fails to teach all the features detailed by the Examiner on pages 2-3 of the Notice of Allowability. Applicant, however, also notes that Claims 2-7 also include novel and nonobvious

features that define over the cited art as well and do not rely solely on their dependence of Claim 1 for patentability.

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully requests that these comments be entered and the patent proceed to issuance.

Respectfully

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